DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-13

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

RE: UNWED PREGNANT MINOR APPLICANTS - PARENTAL CONTACT

On December 9, 1970 Director Martin issued instructions concerning the procedures to be followed in determining resources available to unwed pregnant minor AFDC applicants. The letter discussed the support obligation owed the applicant by her parents and the need for obtaining information concerning the ability of the parents to support their child.

It has come to my attention that the portion of the letter concerning parental contact needs to be clarified. When the information provided by the unwed pregnant minor applicant concerning the ability of her parents to support her can be completely verified through records of public agencies, it should be done in this manner rather than by contacting her parents. For example, if she advises the county welfare department of the names of her parents and the fact that the parents are currently receiving AFDC or SSI/SSP, the county welfare department through direct contact with another county welfare department or the Social Security Administration can determine if the parents have the ability to support her. Since the ability to support the minor applicant can be determined from records of other public agencies, county welfare departments should not contact her parents in such cases unless the information from the other public agencies is incomplete or is not received in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

DAVID B. SWOAP

Superseded by____

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